

**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. 98,162-B)

In the App	lication of:	)				
DeGendt, et al.		)				
Serial No.:	09/207,546	)	Examiner: Ahmed			
		)	Group Art Unit: 1746			
Filing Date	e: December 8, 1998	)	Confirmation No.: 6949			
	thod for Removing Organic	į		<del>-</del> 70		
	ntaminants from a	)				2 24
Ser	niconductor Surface	)		1700 M	SEP 27	RECEIV
Commissioner of Patents				HAIL	ហ	<
Washingto	on, D.C. 20231			L ROOM	2312	

## SUBMISSION OF CERTIFIED COPY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

Applicants submit herewith a certified copy of the priority document, European Patent Application No. 98870056.3, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119. Applicants respectfully request that the above-captioned application be afforded the benefit of the filing date of the European Patent Application.

Respectfully submitted,

McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff

DATED: September 17, 2002

BY:

mir N. Penn

Registration No. 40,767